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METHOD FOR STEROCHEMICALLY CONTROLLED

PRODUCTION OF ISOMERICALLY PURE HIGHLY

SUBSTITUTED AZACYCLIC COMPOUNDS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 12, 2002, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 19 and 23.

Please amend claims 17 and 20 as follows:

(A copy of the marked-up version of the amended claims is attached to this Amendment.)

17. (Amended twice) for stereochemically controlled process production of a compound corresponding to formula Ia':